



**PATENT**

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Zitting et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/757,774

**Filed:** January 15, 2004

**For:** SLEEVE ELEMENT HAVING A  
BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS  
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF  
USE

**Confirmation No.:** 5475

**Examiner:** G. Lee

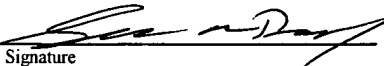
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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed November 7, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on February 7, 2006. This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Petition for One Month Extension of Time with appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.